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REMARKS

Claims 31-64 are pending in the application. Claims 44-47 and 63 stand rejected.

Claims 31-43, 48-62, and 64 are withdrawn.

Applicant requests reconsideration for at least the following reasons.

Claims 44-47 and 63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Yamashita (US 6,256,500).

It appears the Office Action is relying on the system information received by the mobile station. It is argued in the Office Action that the system information contains information representing available channels to which the current channel can be switched and that this is equivalent to Applicant's information to allocate respective uplink and downlink channels between the mobile station and at least one further base transceiver station of the network.

Applicant's claim 44 for example includes the call setup information receiving portion where the mobile station receives from a base station call setup information to allocate respective uplink and downlink channels between the mobile and at least one other base station.

In Yamashita there is only a description of informing the mobile station of available channels. This is in contrast the applicant's claimed allocating respective uplink and downlink channels.

It is respectfully submitted that in reviewing this section of Yamashita no suggestion could be found describing the mobile station receiving call setup information which is useful for allocating uplink and downlink channels to another base station. As one example see page 17, lines 10-35 of the specification.

Applicant's claimed invention firstly allocates one uplink channel and one downlink channel for a first base station and also allocates one uplink channel and one downlink channel

for one of the other base stations. The claimed feature allows the mobile station to quickly perform a hand-off.

In contrast Yamashita only describes information representing available channels to which the current channel can be switched. The reference does not indicate that there is any call setup or allocated uplink and downlink channels. Yamashita only discloses that the mobile station is informed of three usable channels. The mobile station selects one channel and informs a selected channel to the BTS.

In addition, Applicant's claim 44 includes "to employ the stored call setup information received in the call setup process..."

Yamashita does not suggest that the stored frequency information is used for the handover.

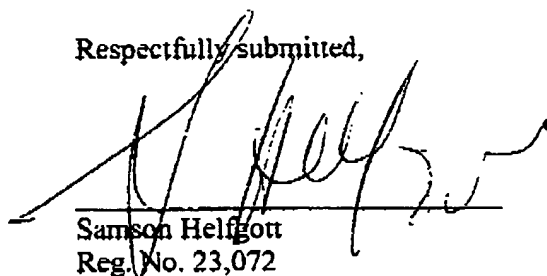
Claims 45-47 include at least the distinguishing features of claim 44 in addition to further limitations. Claim 63 includes features which include at least the distinguishing characteristics of claim 44.

For at least the above reasons it is respectfully requested the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,

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